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ROMANISM EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT OF LIBERTY

WHEN PRESIDENT WILSON and almost the entire cabinet attended the Roman Catholic Pan-American mass at St. Patrick's cathedral in Washington city last Thanksgiving day, they not only augmented the papal gale that threatens to extinguish the torch of American liberty, but they made possible, and necessary, another million circulation for The Menace.

When this function was first given official recognition in 1909, by President Taft and his staff of supine politicians, the patriotic people of the nation protested with all the power at their command, but their protests were in vain—Taft was going to be a candidate for re-election and he recognized the power of the Catholic church in politics as well as the stupidity of Protestants at that particular time, and he continued the practice throughout his administration. The history of his inglorious political end is too well known to need comment here.

When Wilson was elected, these people expected better things—and they had a right to expect better things—for Wilson, while credited with the astuteness of a politician, was believed to be a man of deep righteous convictions and a statesman.

But they were doomed to disappointment. Wilson has either deceived the people who placed unwavering confidence in him or else the Roman Catholic hierarchy has this nation so completely in its grasp that there is no escape without a battle royal.

In either event the situation is bad enough and presents a case that needs heroic treatment.

If the first theory is correct, then it will take a greater awakening of the people to bring the politicians and rulers to their senses than we have yet been able to bring about.

If the latter is correct, and I am rather inclined to believe that it is, then we stand at Armageddon, and some one must open fire in what will probably be the last great battle for the liberty of the human race.

I stated in these columns several months ago that when The Menace could boast a million subscribers, it could also boast the death knell of that class of politicians who put the American people on the back with one hand and take secret orders from the pope of Rome with the other. But like many other men who have not yet lost confidence in the human race, I was simply mistaken.

At this writing they do not even show outward symptoms of disease.

They know well enough the fate of those who have gone before them, but as is too often the case, they must learn their lesson in the great school of experience.

This being true, the only thing left to do is to administer the dose that will kill—and you know, and I know, that two million subscribers to this little sheet will do the business.

This is our prescription, and we are going to ask you to help us compound it. And when it is compounded, we are going to ask you to hold the noses of the patients while we administer it.

This will take place the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1916, and we want you to be ready for the job.

The way to get ready is to nail every man you meet who is not already on our mailing list, and take his subscription to The Menace for one year.

The price is only twenty-five cents a year when you send four or more at one time, and I am confident that no man will turn you down when you tell him our plan.

This method of procedure will turn the two million trick in a jiffy, then on Thanksgiving day, 1916, the entire Menace Army will celebrate mass on the capitol grounds at Washington—but it will be a different mass to the one Wilson attended—it will be to witness the exit from the capitol city of the motliest mass of disappointed papal politicians you ever witnessed.

Get ready for the big show!

Romish editors often betray great desperation in getting sufficient copy for their papers. When they have exhausted themselves slandering The Menace, they invariably pitch on to the Catholic layman. They divide him into two classes—the kind that is advanced and the kind that is not, and the kind that is otherwise. One editor says: "There is another kind of Catholic almost as bad as the advanced Catholic and that is the sort that makes a veritable carnage shop of his home with holy pictures that would not be allowed inside the house of a Hindu. There are 'Sacred Hearts' in the homes of some good misguided

New Troubles in Mexico

BY WILLARD PRICE

What is this 'Catholic Party' in Mexico that we have been hearing about?

The Rev. Henry A. Bassett has just arrived at the Board of Foreign Missions rooms in New York from Mexico. Naturally there was much eagerness to learn his point of view regarding the latest developments in the troubled republic.

"The Catholic party is the Catholic Church in politics," said Dr. Bassett. "The Catholic Church is seeking to capture the government of Mexico. And, according to present indications it stands a fair chance of succeeding."

"But would the Mexicans tolerate a Church-owned government?"

"Not ordinarily. But in this case the Catholics have been shrewd enough to nominate for president a man who enjoys, for the time being, a tremendous vogue in Mexico. Federico Gamboa, who has been minister of foreign affairs, is immensely popular with the Mexicans because of the spirit of defiance he has shown in his negotiations with the United States. The Catholic party knew what it was doing when it nominated for president the most popular man in Mexico. It may mean that the Mexicans will conceal their dislike for the Catholic Church and will sweep it into power merely because of their loyalty to Gamboa."

"You speak of their dislike for the Catholic Church! Mexico is a Catholic country. Surely a Catholic Party should be popular there, if anywhere."

"But it is not," said Dr. Bassett. "True, Mexico is a Catholic country and the Mexicans are not unfriendly to their Church. But they have no desire to see the church get into politics. Stories of the Spanish Inquisition have come down to them, and they have no liking for a repetition of that page of history."

"Aren't the times too far advanced for such a repetition to be possible?"

"In one sense, yes. A Catholic government now-a-days could not use the rack and the execution block but it could accomplish results in more insidious ways. Life can be sapped away through heavy taxes as well as by the letting of blood. The limiting of educational opportunity alone which would result from Catholic supremacy would have a more ruinous and deadly effect upon the life of the Mexican people than any number of religious massacres."

"Then you would say that the greatest danger to Mexico just at present is not from the United States, nor from Huerta, nor from the depredations of bandits, but from the growing power of the Catholic Party?"

"I believe so. That seems to be by far the most imminent peril now threatening Mexico. The history of the Church in Mexico has been one of greed, rapacity, and oppression, as we all know. Place the Church in possession of the governmental machinery and the darkest days of Mexico would be at hand."

"Aside from the looming up of the Catholic party, do you think the prospect in Mexico is hopeful?"

"For Christians missions, most hopeful."

ful," said Dr. Bassett emphatically. "An intellectual renaissance is now in progress in Mexico. That is what caused the revolution—the chafing of new intelligence under old restrictions. When the government becomes settled and sane once more, whenever that may be, I believe there will be a great spiritual awakening. After the suffering and bloodshed of the revolution and after the intellectual stirring up they have had, the people will be in the best possible attitude to receive Christian teaching. It will be the opportunity of a century for the Christian church in Mexico. This is assuming, of course, that the present difficulties are adjusted properly and a progressive government placed in power. Which is assuming a good deal!"

Are They in Politics?

During the recent political campaign in Pittsburgh, Pa., the question of Romanism was an issue as it has never been in any other place before. The Romanists were able to place the blame for their defeat where it belonged, but they howled bigotry! long and loud, taking the hellier than thou attitude and denying that they were in any wise responsible for the religious issue being injected into the campaign. That this is false is shown by the contents of a few stickers with which they plastered the city just previous to the election. One of the stickers follows:

CATHOLICS ATTENTION!

Do you know that R. H. Jackson, Republican candidate for District Attorney, has been leading the attack on the Home of the Good Shepherd? Every true son of the church should vote against this man; any Catholic voting for Jackson is a traitor to the church.

Mr. Jackson, it will be remembered, was elected to the office which he sought, and there is no doubt but what this sticker helped to do it.

Another sticker, which shows that the hierarchy was determined that Romanists should know their own is, as follows:

DO YOU KNOW that many Catholics have been led into the belief that Thomas O'Shell is a Catholic? Thomas O'Shell is not now and never has been a member of the Catholic church; on the contrary he is a member of many of the so-called Patriotic organizations which antagonize Catholicism.

Since the Roman Catholic political machine is a political organization, The Menace has, no particular criticism to make of the campaign methods employed by them; the thing we wish to call attention to is their hypocrisy, lying and deceit.

They pretend to be a church and to teach religion, yet they spend their time doing politics and trying to undo America and her institutions. They lay the blame of the anti-Catholic crusade at the door of Protestantism when, in reality, they have precipitated the fight themselves.

They have made their own bed—now let them lie on it.

The Dangers of Unrestricted Immigration

- THE UNGUARDED GATES -

THOMAS BAILEY ALDRICH

Wide open and unguarded stand our gates,
Named of the four winds, north, south, east and west;
Portals that lead to an enchanted land,
Of cities, forests, fields of living gold,
Vast prairies, lordly summits touched with snow,
Majestic rivers sweeping proudly past
The Arab's date palm and the Norseman's pine—
A realm wherein are fruits of every zone,
Airs of all climes, for lo! throughout the year
The red rose blossoms somewhere—a rich land,
A later Eden planted in the wilds,
With not an inch of earth within its bound.
But if a slave's foot presses it sets him free,
Here, it is written, Toil shall have its wage,
And Honor honor, and the humblest man
Stand level with the highest in the law.
Of such a land have men in dungeons dreamed
And with the vision brightening in their eyes,
Gone smiling to the fagot and the sword.

Wide open and unguarded stand our gates,
And through them press a wild, motley throng—
Men from the Volga and the Tartar steppes,
Featureless figures of the Hoang-Ho,
Malayan, Scythian, Teuton, Kelt and Slav,
Flying the Old World's poverty and scorn;
These bringing with them unknown gods and rites,
Those, tiger passions, here to stretch their claws,
In street and alley what strange tongues are heard,
Accents of menace alien to our air,
Voices that once the Tower of Babel knew!
O Liberty, white Goddess! is it well
To leave the gates unguarded? On thy breast
Fold Sorrow's children, soothe the hurts of fate,
Lift the down-trodden, but with hand of steel
Stay those who to thy sacred portals come
To waste the gifts of freedom. Have a care
Lest from thy brow the clustered stars be torn
And trampled in the dust. For so of old
The thronging Goth and Vandal trampled Rome,
And where the temples of the Caesars stood
The lean wolf unmolested made her lair.

Rome Commends Suppression---
All Protestantism Insulted

Crowley, Clark and Boles Stir Rome at Davenport---Church Efficiency Congress Snubbed---Local Press Craves Catholic Commendation---Great Protestant Church Flagrantly Insulted at Beck of Rome---Hierarchy in Underhand Bid for Civil and Religious Supremacy.

IN THE city of Davenport, Iowa, from November 17 to 22, inclusive, was held the National Efficiency Congress of the Christian churches. At this congress were gathered ministers and workers from practically every part of the nation. The purpose of the gathering was to compare notes and adopt means for greater achievement with minimum effort and expense along the line of church work. Some of the illustrious workers in the country, and representing several different religious denominations, were invited to participate in the program. Among the number may be named such men as Louis R. Patmore, formerly of the Greek church; Jeremiah J. (Father) Crowley, ex-Catholic priest, now a member of the Presbyterian church, and a host of ministers and workers among the Disciples of Christ.

Those in attendance from outside of Davenport were estimated at over 500, and those attending the different sessions were estimated at several thousand. The gathering itself was unique and elicited great interest among both church and non-church people.

Mr. Crowley and the other speakers were invited to address the gathering because of their wide knowledge and experience in religious work. The work and methods of the Greek church were reviewed by Mr. Patmore, and Mr. Crowley, having been a Roman Catholic priest for over twenty years, was assigned the task of reviewing the work and methods of that church. From the reports received through the daily press and letters, Mr. Crowley did his work in his usual characteristic manner, and his audience showed its appreciation of his first address by inviting him to speak again. The Daily Times reported his speech, and from this we reproduce the following:

Report of Crowley's Speech

Jeremiah J. Crowley, formerly a Catholic priest, was the principal speaker at the general session this morning and as he entered the auditorium he received a cordial greeting.

Mr. Crowley directed his talk entirely to an attack on the Roman Catholic church. "When a priest," he declared, "I found the priesthood rotten and on investigation I found that the farther up one went the rotter was the condition. I tried for years to purify the church, but I found it was impossible. I was told by priests and prelates that it was an impossible thing. They told me that 'God Himself, if there is a God could not purify the priesthood.'"

Romanism is the greatest menace of modern times. Unless suppressed it will destroy our liberties. The pope absolutely dominates American politics and distorts American politics.

"The Roman church is bent on destroying the public schools and wiping them from the face of the earth and substituting its own schools."

Mr. Crowley was constantly interrupted by storms of applause from the audience which filled the church and listened closely to his address.

The "storms of applause" mentioned above is evidence that Mr. Crowley's address met with the hearty approval of the great audience.

Cowardly Flings of Priest

Notwithstanding the fact that the people interested in the congress were satisfied with what they received, both local papers took the liberty of criticizing both Crowley and the managers of the gathering. Below is part of an editorial from the Daily Democrat of November 22:

There was a strangely discordant note struck at the Church Efficiency Congress—a gathering which The Democrat has been pleased to commend as novel and which we should be glad to welcome to progress. But certainly nothing more unprogressive, more undesirable, and more creditable nor to be credited, could have marred the sessions of the congress than the address of Crowley, the ex-Catholic priest, which was a feature of the Friday session of the congress.

In these days when the churches are steadily growing more tolerant, realizing the good in every body and the Christian church, and moving forward toward unity of action if not complete unity of faith, one must confess to more than surprise—to an actual shock to have a hearing sponsored by an intelligent gathering to Crowley's denunciation of the Catholic priesthood.

Such talk, fortunately, is heard now in few circles and in fewer churches. It does not represent the sentiment of the intelligent Protestant, and is justly resented by the Catholic.

The Times Editorial

Jeremiah J. Crowley, the former Catholic priest, would have been commended by everyone if it had not been for his address yesterday, when he made remarks to suggesting war and means by which church people may be more efficient Christians. But when he mentioned his own power and attempts to come others to misapprehend their efforts by making an attack on the Catholic church, his performance was anything but a contribution to church efficiency. It is the very opposite. No preacher or teacher can demonstrate efficiency by directing his efforts to tear down any other church.

Fortunately, however, there is an inexorable law of compensation. In proportion as a man is prejudiced his statements become exaggerated. And the exaggerations in Crowley's speech were so great that what he said can have little weight with any unbiased thinker. His attacks on priests as a class is as absurd as would be similar attacks on the ministers of any other church as a class. There are a few rogues in every church, as doubtless the proportion of hypocrites is no larger in one than in another, and whether one believes in the pope as the head of the church or not, Crowley's attack on

the pope as a man was as absurd as to harm his own church. Crowley himself and some few narrow-minded and ill-informed persons who applauded him.

What are the above expressions but cheap bids for Catholic commendation? The fatal mistake these editors as well as most others, make is that the Catholic system is a religious institution, a church. Truckling editors and others out for the dollar and a dash of soft soap take it for granted that this system is a church—on a level with the Protestant organizations. Why do they fall for this idea? The only answer is, because of the loud and showy pretensions of the priesthood.

To correct this erroneous idea is what Crowley and others who know the system are out for. These men who have been priests, and the women who have been nuns, know that Rome's religious aspect is counterfeit; these people know that Rome uses religion and religious forms as a cloak under which this voracious organization does its dirty work. Why men will go to such extremes as to insult the intelligence and honesty of millions of Christian people simply to gain the plaudits of what history, observation and common sense have taught the world is a humbug and arch impostor is one of the seemingly unsolvable mysteries. Priests known to be impure as a class, are defended by these craven editors, while insult, imputation and calumny are hurled into the faces of hundreds of Protestant ministers—what for? Why, there can be but one reason or hope of reward: The nauseating pussy-footing, byzantine-like approbation of some hypocritical Catholic priest. That is what such arrant, dishonest cowards get out of their truckling.

That is what the Davenport papers got for insulting the Protestant people the other day.

Those editors knew one Priest Flannagan, V. G. We venture the prophecy that Priest Flannagan, V. G., or some one else in his stead had "seen" these editors or "sent them word" before these highly edifying editorials appeared. Our ground for this guess is that the editorials appeared in both papers the same day, the sentiments are very much alike and Priest Flannagan, V. G.'s card of commendation appeared in a display triple-column space on the first page of the Democrat and a double-column cut of the same Flannagan, V. G., embellished the fifth page of the same paper of the same issue. The attempted veneer of these Romanized cowards is entirely too thin—even a six-year-old can see through it.

Here is the situation: In exchange for the beautiful mug of Priest Flannagan, V. G., and an insulting card of commendation as embellishments for his one-sided prejudiced, Romanized sheet this editor, at the behest of this priest or some of his minions, flings insult and insinuation at not only the Disciples of Christ who were responsible for this Efficiency Congress but not a Protestant in the country escapes—everyone is snatched by the dirty dithribes.

As evidence that we have the matter down to a reasonable fitness we submit the "commendation card" of Priest Flannagan, V. G., which appeared displayed three columns wide, center of first page, "top of column, surrounded by pure reading:"

VERY REV. J. T. A. FLANNAGAN, VICAR GENERAL OF THE DAVENPORT DIOCESE COMMENDS THE DEMOCRAT (An unqualified letter)

Davenport Democrat Company, Davenport, Iowa.

Gentlemen—I wish to thank you and your management in my name and in the name of the Catholic congregation for your treatment in last night's issue of the latter attacks of Jeremiah Crowley on our church at the convention in the Christian church of this city. No sane person can believe the utterances of a man like Crowley. Last night's Democrat gave the Catholics of the city as much pleasure as the evening contemporary wounded Catholic hearts and wounds by giving to the public such vile and slanderous quotations from Crowley's speech.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. T. A. FLANNAGAN, V. G. Rector Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, November 22, 1913.

Protestants in general do not believe in the boycott, but in this instance it would not be much out of the way for every Protestant who is now taking these Davenport papers to drop them till the publishers manifest a disposition to be decent. A few doses of Romish medicine might do this sort of people some good.

After these editorials appeared, the Efficiency Congress appointed a committee to draft resolutions referring to the conduct of these papers, and the following request was sent both papers together with the resolutions. A member of the committee informs The Menace that the Democrat garbled the resolutions and The Times re-

fused to publish any part of them. These resolutions were adopted unanimously by an audience of over 1,300 people.

Copy of the Request

"Editor The Davenport Democrat. "Dear Sir—I am enclosing herewith a statement that was read at the closing session of the Church Efficiency Congress just held in your city and adopted by them. We respectfully ask that you give this the same prominence in your paper that you did the criticism which called it forth. Yours very truly, "Chairman Com."

Resolutions Adopted by 1,200 People

"In reply to the general attitude of the press of the city of Davenport as to the Efficiency Congress in its action as to its program in that it put certain speakers like Jeremiah J. Crowley on the platform, we have this to say: A number of the speakers took part in reviewing the efficiency and inefficiency of the Christian world. The Greek church was reviewed by Louis R. Patmore who was identified with this church for a number of years. The Protestant churches were reviewed by F. Y. Pendleton and the Roman church by Jeremiah J. Crowley, at present an honored citizen of Cincinnati, and a member of the Presbyterian church, who came to us endorsed by J. Wilbur Chapman, Bishop Burt, Robert McIntyre, The New York Independent, The New Age, a Masonic magazine, The Herald and Presbyter, the leading Presbyterian paper of America, and others.

"From the above statement it is clear to anyone that so unusual or unfair treatment was given to the Roman Catholic church. It was discussed as were the other parts of the so-called universal church of Christ and if its treatment seemed harsher, it was due to the personality of the speaker and the nature of his theme.

"This condemnation evidently emanated from the hierarchy that has been recognized for centuries as synonymous with idolatry, intolerance, persecution, bigotry, ignorance and misery, which are abundantly illustrated by the conditions of every nation where Catholicism is the supreme religion of the nation.

"Whether the statements made by Mr. Crowley are true or false, it is significant that he makes a public challenge as follows: 'I will give TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS to any person who can prove that I was EX-COMMUNICATED and that the STATEMENTS and CHARGES against priests, prelates and popes in my book, 'Romanism—A Menace to the Nation,' and 'The Pope—Chief of White Slavery,' are untrue; and, furthermore, I will agree to hand over the plates of these books and stop their publication forever. Will Rome accept this challenge? If not, WHY not?' which none so far as we are informed has yet attempted, much less accomplished.

"It is not significant, too, that in practically every case in which a priest severed his connection with the Roman church he has a tale of terror or horror to relate which is met only by persecution and personal abuse! We believe that ecclesiastical dominance of our political institutions is the question of the day, the hour, yes, of the minute, and the more or less successful efforts of this numerically strong church to muzzle the press, suppress free speech and assault public speakers is proof plenty that this is a vital question and that it demands a full, fair and free discussion in every congress of patriotic men and women. It is the political aggression of this church that we view with especial alarm, but for the individual member of the church we have the kindest feeling and we believe to all such God, even at this late date, is still calling 'come out of her, my people, and be ye separate and partake not of her iniquity.'

"It is also charged that those who applauded the speaker were a few narrow-minded or deluded ones, which is incorrect, and is also a reflection upon the entire attendance of 1,500, for practically all applauded, and did so repeatedly and vigorously from start to finish. And the audience had in it representative leaders of the Christian church from nearly every state in the union. Are they a narrow-minded people?

"It is a matter of no great difficulty to make a charge and we are indeed always glad to learn in what esteem or contempt we are held by our fellow-citizens and think as a matter of simple justice that those who publicly make such a charge should (Continued on second page, second column)